

Letters to the Editor

Is City Robin Hood In Reverse?

Here come the tax increases. Although city council members said that the new Greenbelt Station development would lower our taxes, it's doing just the opposite. Or at least that's what the city manager is now saying.

What on earth was the city council thinking when it gave wealthy developers \$10 million of taxpayer money, about half the size of the city's entire annual budget? They certainly didn't listen to citizens who warned that these decisions would increase taxes.

And what do we get for having the city taxman reach further down into our pockets? The sketch on the front of last week's News Review says it all – an ugly, "upscale" monstrosity about as un-Greenbeltish as it gets. It appears that the sheriff of Nottingham is now in Greenbelt.

Robert Fireovid

Irresponsible

We are writing to encourage our city leaders to demand involvement in the north core Greenbelt development project. From the paper's account, Petrie stated that it is "not intended to be a family community." This is an irresponsible attitude and clearly these developers know nothing about Greenbelt.

We have come to cherish both the environmental ideals as well as the desire to preserve the concept of community imbued by the city. Let us hope that pure greed does not override community planning.

The Hamma Family

Use It or Lose It!

Today is Saturday morning, April 14. The Saturday before taxes are due! Many people are not at work and are using their last free day to finish and mail their taxes. So one would expect long, long lines at the Post Office. Well, those lines may very well have shown up at the new Post Office in Greenbelt East but the Post Office in the Municipal Building in Old Greenbelt was totally empty. Can you believe that? It was great for me and saved me a lot of time. But it also bothered me that my fellow Old Greenbelters are not making more use of this jewel in their midst.

You know the saying "use it or lose it." So, if you want to save time, if you want to help yourself and at the same time help your neighbors: make full use of this jewel in our Center. The Post Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to meet you there.

Leenie Penney

"Time-out" on ICC

Recent articles in the News Review have highlighted fresh attempts to block construction of the Intercounty Connector (ICC). Three lawsuits have been filed to challenge the economic feasibility and environmental impact of the ICC and 35 state legislators sent a letter to Governor O'Malley urging him to order a "time-out" on the ICC. Senator Pinsky and Delegates Ross and Healey (our District 22) signed this letter, which urged Governor O'Malley to "suspend all activities aimed at acquiring property for the ICC, withdraw state lawsuits aimed at taking homes and real property

through eminent domain, postpone the issuance of any debt for the ICC, defer any ICC-related transfers from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Maryland Transportation Authority and refrain from issuing design or construction contracts."

Earlier approvals of the ICC came at a time of state budget surpluses but next year the state faces a structural debt of close to \$1.5 billion. Base Realignment and Closure expansions will lead to substantial growth in and around Ft. Meade and Aberdeen and the collective infrastructure needs could cost \$6 billion, which have not been funded and it is not at all clear where the money will come from. Other transit and highway priorities of interest to Greenbelt residents, including long-term funding for Metrorail and Metrobus, building the Purple Line and adding rail to the Wilson Bridge will be squeezed – and possibly squeezed out – by the estimated \$3.1 billion required to build the ICC, including interest on the nearly \$2 billion in debt the state plans to issue.

No one likes highway gridlock but the state's own studies show the ICC would actually boost traffic on parts of I-95, I-495, I-270, I-370 and on many heavily trafficked local roads. The ICC would also be an environmental disaster – destroying some of our region's last and best wetlands and forests, crossing streams 77 times and increasing fuel consumption, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

The ICC is not a done deal, it's a bad deal. The new O'Malley administration offers hope that the ICC can be stopped but our "environmental" governor needs to hear from us! Please urge him to take a "breather" on the ICC so we can evaluate other transportation priorities in light of limited budgets and increased understanding about global warming. Call 800-811-8336 or send an email to governor@gov.state.md.us. Please sign the "No ICC" petition at www.sierraclub.org/dc/sprawl/petition.

Jeffrey Pedyly

Not the Public's Job

In its April 12 article on the recent city council budget work-session, the News Review reported that Mayor Davis "challenged [Mayor Pro Tem] Roberts to identify what he would cut, not just say that the budget should be cut." These words are familiar because citizens asking council not to raise taxes in recent years have been similarly challenged by the mayor to specify what should be cut from a proposed budget.

But it's not the obligation of citizens to prescribe what should be cut. City administrators have the expertise and are paid to determine how to manage with the funds available. Greenbelt families have budgets too and they have to figure out how to manage with whatever funds are available. If council really cares about its taxpaying citizens, it will instruct the city staff to find a way to accommodate a budget that does not require a tax increase, rather than implicitly asking struggling families faced with ever-increasing taxes to find something to cut out of their own household budgets.

Charles Hagelgans
Ruth Kastner

Say Thank You To a Volunteer

Every day of every year, we are blessed with many dedicated volunteers who commit their time and talents to our organization. We are fortunate to set aside a week each April to publicly recognize and honor those individuals and groups. Along with other nonprofit organizations, we will honor our volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 15 through 21.

Hospice of the Chesapeake continues to provide compassionate and quality care while offering people support and love at a time when it's needed most. The core of the hospice philosophy is that each person has the right to die free of pain and with dignity, surrounded by family and loved ones. Trained hospice patient care volunteers support the work of our outstanding professionals who provide such care.

Volunteers contribute their time and talents through direct patient care, bereavement support and spiritual care, community and professional outreach, administrative office support and at the John & Arloine Mandrin Chesapeake Hospice House. Hospice of the Chesapeake is also fortunate to have the leadership of our boards and the support of volunteers who assist with our fundraising endeavors.

If you know a hospice volunteer, please take the time this week to let them know how they make a difference in our communities. They are truly the Heart of Hospice.

Julie Medlin,
Volunteer Coordinator
Hospice of the
Chesapeake, Landover

Corrections

The letter in last week's paper entitled "Is City Robin Hood In Reverse?" lost its signature in a final edit oversight. It is reprinted here.

The article on the Springhill Lake fires in the March 29 issue erroneously implied the smoke smell from an earlier car fire nearby might have caused the report of a building fire at 9150 Edmonston Road. The units that arrived on the scene just past midnight had found no fire. There was no connection between the two fires.

The News Review regrets the errors.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF April 20

Lives of Others (R)

No passes or coupons accepted Fri.– Sun.

Friday

*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

*2, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

*2, *4:45, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

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"If we're gonna be the first squirrels on Mars, we need to apply our lessons from Earth Day."

On Screen

Art Imitating Life

"The Lives of Others," which received the Oscar for best foreign film, opens Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Ulrich Muehe portrays an agent of the East German secret police who convinces an actress, played by Martina Gedeck (The Good Shepherd), to inform on her lover.

Unlike "Good Bye Lenin!" and other recent comedies about life under Communist rule, the director rejected suggestions to take a lighter approach. His decision was supported by Ulrich Muehe, who discovered that his ex-wife (and one-time co-star) had informed on him to the Stasi in the 1980s.

In German with English subtitles, the film is rated R for nudity and sexual situations and runs 137 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

At the Library

Adults

Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m. Meet the Author – Marita Golden, “After: A Novel,” Book Bridge 2006-2007 featured author. In her fifth novel, writer Marita Golden takes an unflinching look at family, race, love and identity. After joining the police force and building a family with his wife, Bunny, Carson is finally in control of his life. He and his wife have great careers and three beautiful children. Then near the end of a routine shift, Carson stops a young black man for speeding. He orders Paul Houston to exit the car and drop to his knees. Houston retrieves something from his waistband and turns. Carson fires three shots. Paul, a son of educators and a teacher in Southeast D.C., was only holding a cell phone and Carson’s carefully woven world begins to unravel. Golden’s nonfiction works – “Migrations of the Heart,” “Saving Our Sons” and “Don’t Play in the Sun” – are this year’s Book Bridge titles. Golden is an NAACP Image Award Nominee for Outstanding Literary Work.

Storytimes

Tuesday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held on Friday, April 27 at the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 6 p.m.

The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for no-show appointments.



One of the works on display by young artist Danielle Dernoga.

Dernoga Exhibit Displayed at GAC

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold an art exhibit to display the work of Danielle S. Dernoga from April 25 through June 27. Dernoga, 14, has a creative and varied collection of artwork on display.

On Friday, April 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., there will be a reception to welcome the young artist, with light refreshments available. All are invited to enjoy the event, which precedes opening night of the theater production “Witness for the Prosecution” at 8 p.m.

The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway in the lower level of Roosevelt Center, down the stairs from the main level with the movie theater, Co-op grocery store and New Deal Café. Call 301-441-8770 for further information or visit the website at www.greenbeltartscenter.org.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Sunday, April 22 members will hold a sidewalk astronomy party at the Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 7:45 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the events will be cancelled without further notice.

Have a telescope but not sure how to use it? Bring it in. Society members will help people become successful amateur astronomers.

More information is available at the society’s website www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml.

Goods and Service Auction

for the Benefit of Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road.

A Large Variety of Items such as Restaurant Coupons, Theater Tickets, Services of Local Merchants, Home Cooked Dinners, CDs of Various Performers and other items.

Many Door Prizes, Light Refreshments will be served. Saturday, April 21. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$10.00

For more information, call 301 474-4223.

**YARD SALE
BAKE SALE
BARGAINS**

**Sat. April 21, 9 am – 2 pm
Greenbelt Community Church
Corner of Crescent & Hillside**

Utopia Film Fest Planning Meeting

Help plan the third annual independent film festival. Come to the planning meeting Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m., in the Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) Studio, Room 204 in the Greenbelt Community Center.

The festival will be held from October 26 through 28 at the Community Center, P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Municipal Building.

The planning committee needs and welcomes participation by anyone, especially fans of eclectic independent films, videos, animation and shorts. The committee is eager to have input from people who enjoyed the festival in previous years.

Areas of the festival where talents and energy are needed include: administrative work on email and written correspondence and data bases; website development, graphics and promotional materials; sponsor development and fund-raising; volunteer coordination and logistical support for festival venues; public and media relations; film/video submission review and programming; and volunteer help during the festival weekend.

Planning is also underway for a special program sponsored by the Utopia Film Festival, at the Greenbelt Branch Library, two weeks before the weekend festival. This program is produced by the GAVA/GATE Animation Program and the film department of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System. The Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts program includes young people’s animated videos and early Disney animation and historical films for adults.

For more information email the festival director at director@utopiafilmfestival.org.

Senior Luncheon At Greenbriar Tues.

Greenbriar will hold a senior luncheon on Tuesday, April 24 at noon in the Terrace Room for Greenbriar senior residents and a guest, age 65 and older.

For more information call Tiffane' Rose at 301-441-1096 Ext. 11.

HUGE BOOK SALE

Sat. April 21, 10 am – 5 pm

Mon. April 23, 1 – 7 pm

Greenbelt Library, Lower Level

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Community Wide Yard Sale

May 19, 2007

Has your spring-cleaning uncovered unwanted treasures?

Do you want to have a yard sale but don't want the hassle of organizing and publicizing?

Then Greenbelt Homes Inc. has the answer!

On May 19th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm there will be a community wide yard sale held

on the front lawn at the GHI Main Office on Hamilton Place.

The cost to reserve a table is \$10.00. For more information please call 301-474-4161.

Sponsored by GHI's Member & Community Relations Committee

Hunting Ridge Holds Annual Meeting

Hunting Ridge Condominium Association, Inc. will hold its 2007 annual meeting at the Hunting Ridge clubhouse, 6914 Hanover Parkway on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Registration will begin prior to that time. The purpose of this meeting is to consider any business that may come before the meeting and to elect three directors to the board.

Astronomy Day Celebration on Sat.

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt, in conjunction with Owens Science Center (Prince George’s County Public Schools), will host an Astronomy Day celebration on Saturday, April 21 from 4 to 10 p.m. at Owens Science Center, 9901 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

This year there will be two planetarium presentations (at 7 and 8:30 p.m.) and talks by Dr. Claire Parkinson (at 6 p.m. “The Earth’s Sea Ice as Seen from Space”) and Dr. David Stern (at 7:30 p.m. on “The Doppler Effect”). Other events include educational exhibits and door prizes. Afternoon solar observing and a star party in the evening (weather permitting) will round out the activities.

Due to these events, the Saturday star party scheduled for Northway Field has been canceled.

More community events announcements can be found on page 5.



Baseball Signups

Players ages 13-15 call Mark at 301 793-0097

Players 16-18 call Bob at 301 345-1033

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R = ID Required

(I) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of April 20

FRI. – SAT.

The Reaping, R (I)

12, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10

Grindhouse, R (I)

9:15

Firehouse Dog, PG

12, 2:30, 4:50

Slowburn, R (I)

7:40, 10:10

Perfect Stranger, R (I)

12, 2:40, 5, 7:40, 10:20

Vacancy, R (I)

12:10, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Are We Done Yet? PG (I)

12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 10:20

Disturbia, PG 13 (I)

12:10, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 10:20

Blades of Glory, PG 13 (I)

12:20, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:10

Meet the Robinsons, G (I)

12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 10

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Firehouse Dog, PG

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Meet the Robinsons, G (I)

12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20

MON. – THUR.

The Reaping, R (I)

2:40, 5:10, 7:20

Firehouse Dog, PG

2:30

Slowburn, R (I)

4:50, 7:40

Perfect Stranger, R (I)

2:40, 5, 7:40

Vacancy, R (I)

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Are We Done Yet?, PG (I)

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Gorman – Martin

Luci Jane Gorman and fiancé Michael Martin of Waldorf, Md., are planning a July wedding. The bride-to-be is a sonogram technician in Columbia, Md., and groom-to-be is a loan officer. Luci is the daughter of Lois Gorman and the late John Gorman of Greenbelt and the sister of Dave Gorman.

Andrus – Dyer Engagement

Joanna Andrus and Patrick Dyer announce their engagement. Joanna is the daughter of Julie Andrus. Patrick is the son of Karen and Butch Dyer.

Joanna is employed at Keenworth Therapeutic Services in Greenbelt and is a volunteer EMT at Station #43 in Bowie.

Patrick is employed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and is also pursuing a career as a massage therapist. During the Halloween season, they are both actors with a Haunted Trail production in Gambrills, Md.

Joanna is the granddaughter of Anna Andrus of Greenbelt and the late Julius J. Andrus.

Patrick is the grandson of the late Buddy Lowe and Delores Lowe, currently living in Lanham and Regina Else, who lives in Myersdale, Pa., and the late Thomas Else.

A May 2007 wedding is planned with an outdoor reception to be held at the family home in Greenbelt.

Synagogue Speaker On Aging Sunday

Mishkan Torah will host a speaker from the Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA) on Sunday, April 22 at 11 a.m. Ellen Greenberg of JCA will discuss programs available for aging relatives and friends as well as for caregivers through JCA. One need not be Jewish to be eligible for JCA programs. There is no fee to attend the talk and discussion.

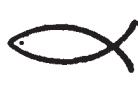
Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For further information call 301-474-4223.

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Dance Worship Service at PBUUC



A special all-dance worship service will be presented on Sunday, April 29 at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi at 10 a.m. The service will provide a time and place for dancers of the Erika Thimey Dance & Theater Company to speak to the congregation through the simplicity and directness of movement. The service will be dedicated to the late Erika Thimey, choreographer and teacher, who recently died at age 96, with gratitude for the many years she spent nurturing the sacred dance community in the Washington, D.C., area.

This service occurs during National Dance Week and is sponsored by the Chalice Dancers of the PBUUC, Potomac Chapter of the Sacred Dance Guild and the Erika Thimey Dance & Theater Co.

The spiritually focused inter-faith performance ensemble of five dancers (based in Columbia, Maryland) will also include the choir of PBUUC directed by David Chapman. All are welcome.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. For information and directions: www.pbuuc.org or 301-937-3666.

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

April 22, 10 a.m.

"Nothing but the Truth Will Do"

by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister

with Kathleen Davis, worship associate

(A portrait of the first feminist who is Margaret Fuller, Unitarian)

— Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers



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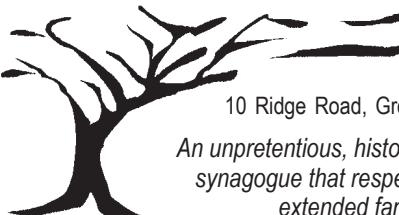
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Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



Sometimes life gets hard and we wonder why things go wrong, but let's not forget the greatest of virtues – patience.

God explains to us, in the Qur'an: "Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere; who say, when afflicted with calamity: 'To God we belong, and to Him is our return.' They are those on whom (descend) blessings from God, and mercy, and they are ones that receive guidance."

— The Holy Quran 2:155-157

This is the guidance sent forth to humankind by the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. And it is still relevant today. For more information about the Qur'an, call 301-982-9463 or email us at info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org



Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center

99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

April 22 Sermon: The Scar Tissue of Sin

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Community Events

GHI Notes

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase seminar

Tuesday, April 24, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting

6:30 p.m., Marketing Committee meeting

7 p.m., New members coffee social

7:30 p.m., GGI Communications and Stakeholders/Outreach Working Group

Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Woodlands Bird Walk sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., GGI Open House at Roosevelt Center sponsored by the Green Ribbon Task Force

Except where otherwise noted, events take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings; members are encouraged to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Shirley Egenreider

Once upon a time, long, long ago back in 1957, in the town of Greenbelt, a group of individuals decided it would be a good thing for the "older" folks to get together to form a club. After electing Carrie Hall and Allen Morrison as their leaders, they met in people's homes. Then Warren Leddick, who was the director of Recreation, offered the club a room at the Youth Center.

Word spread around the Washington area about the club and soon individuals from the District, Langley Park, Riverdale and Hyattsville started attending. The membership became the largest in the county in the 80s but, alas, it became too large and was soon limited to Greenbelt individuals only.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club, as it is now known, is the oldest and longest-running club of its kind in Maryland. The Greenbelt Golden Age Club celebrated its 50th anniversary this week with a spectacular luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt.

Grad Night Coming, Help Is Still Needed

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night 2007 Committee reminds parents that it is nearly the end of the school year, so preparations for Grad Night 2007 are really picking up. Graduation is June 1.

Grad Night is an all-night, alcohol-free celebration of graduation for all seniors.

Parents of seniors should be looking for the contract that seniors and their parents will have to sign prior to being able to buy tickets for the party. Students should bring it home soon.

Help Needed

Junior parents are invited to volunteer now, a good time to see what it will be like for current juniors next year when they become seniors.

Senior parents are reminded that the committee still needs many volunteers to make this night another in a string of Grad Night party successes.

Volunteers are needed to provide some of the food, decorate the building and help staff the party through the night, among other projects.

The next two Grad Night 2007 Committee meetings will be Monday, May 14 and 21 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Those able to help are asked to email the co-chairs right away to learn how they can help: Pat Crosson at pjonescrosson@msn.com or Barbara Duhaney at bnewby@skadden.bne.

Mishkan Torah To Hold Auction

The annual Goods and Services Auction to benefit Mishkan Torah will be held this Saturday evening, April 21 at 8 p.m. at Mishkan Torah. There is a fee. (See ad on page 3.)

There will be many items available from local and distant merchants on which to bid and many door prizes. Light refreshments will be served.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For further information call 301-474-4223.

Linda Siadys Is May Patuxent Exhibitor

Greenbelt photographer Linda Siadys will showcase her nature photography during May at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center. Siadys, whose exhibit will feature a wide variety of wildlife and nature images, attributes her deep affinity to nature from her Irish/Cherokee ancestry and sees her work as "a reflection of a world rich in changing colors and wildlife."

Besides capturing wildlife and nature images, Siadys specializes in sports photography, especially equestrian and boxing events. She is a photojournalist and News Review staffer as well as a contributor to other newspapers. The DC Art Bank has purchased Siadys' photos for installation in public buildings. Her website is [www.lindasiadys.com](http://lindasiadys.com).

For details call 301-497-5763, or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

Invasive Plant Removal at Park

Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area. This program will be every first Saturday of the month. The plant removal will be held rain or shine; wear appropriate clothing and bring work gloves and a lunch/snack. The park entrance is located at 6565 Greenbelt Rd. For details call 301-344-3944 or visit www.nps.gov/gree/.

Auction '07 to Benefit Greenbelt Nursery School

Sat., April 21 1:30 – 4:30

Community Center Gym

Fabulous items for sale

Live entertainment, Refreshments for Sale

Admission is \$4, Children \$1

301-474-5570

Greenbriar Community Association Seeks 100 individuals for a BUS TRIP to Caesar's Casino Atlantic City, New Jersey

120,000 feet of gaming space offers the latest reel and video slots, over 100 table games, simulcast horse racing, Keno lounge and poker. Multiple dining options.

**Leave: Sat. April 28, 7 a.m. sharp
Return: 8:30 p.m.**

The bus trip will feature movies, a light breakfast, door prizes and a raffle.

\$32.00 with a \$16.00 casino bonus
to reserve your space, bring cash or money order to the Greenbriar Management Office. Tickets are non-refundable and may not be reserved over the phone. For information call 301-441-1096 Ext. 11.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS



An important election is approaching for GHI members. There will be six seats available for the Board of Directors this year; in addition, all three members for the Audit Committee and five members for the Nominations and Elections Committee will be chosen.

Members wishing to be candidates must file a consent form by May 7. An information packet including the necessary form is available at GHI's offices and can be downloaded from the GHI members' website at <http://ghi.coop/about.htm> – you can even arrange a cheerful personal delivery by phoning Betty Wellborn at 301-345-0415.

GHI members will have an opportunity to hear the candidates' ideas and qualifications and have their questions answered at the Candidate Forum to be held Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 at the Municipal Building.

The Election will take place on May 17 after the annual meeting and voting is continued on the following day between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Greener Greenbelt: Your Ideas, Our Future

An

Open House

**Saturday, April 28
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

A visioning and brainstorming process to ensure an affordable, sustainable and livable community over the next thirty years – anticipating Old Greenbelt's 100th Anniversary.

This Open House is the first of several visioning events.

Creative activities and fun for all ages

Roosevelt Center

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by GHI's Green Ribbon Task Force and the American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley Chapter

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check on the various system features suggested.

Collective Bargaining

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 32. Councilmember Edward Putens introduced the resolution for first reading. If approved, the resolution would take effect July 1 for a period of three years.

It provides a 19 percent pay increase (for sworn rank and file officers) over three years, including cost of living adjustments. The agreement also expands the boundaries of the city's take-home car program and provides several other enhancements, such as specialty pay for officers with special training or responsibilities.

Moran said that the proposed agreement is fair and reasonable. The tenor of the negotiations was professional and efficient. If the resolution is adopted by council, members of both bargaining teams will sign the agreement.

Audit

The last item on the agenda was council's selection of an accounting firm to audit the city's financial records for Fiscal Year 2007. The current auditing firm, Clifton Gunderson, has been retained for the last two audits.

Although staff felt it would be inappropriate to make a recommendation, they noted that the firm has provided excellent service to the city. Putens moved that council select Clifton Gunderson for the FY07 audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Konrad Herling and approved unanimously.

Proclamations

In keeping with its designation as a "Tree City USA," the mayor and council issued a proclamation urging Greenbelt residents to celebrate both Arbor Day and Earth Day on April 21 by supporting efforts to protect the city's trees and woodlands throughout the coming year. Charles Jackson, chair of the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT), and Bill Phelan, assistant director of the Greenbelt Department of Public Works and staff liaison to ACT, were on hand to receive the proclamation and to provide an overview of this year's Arbor Day plans.

Activities celebrating Arbor Day and Earth Day on April 21 will include an official opening of the new Skate Park adjacent to the Community Center, a Public Works Department open house, a guided tour around Greenbelt highlighting the several champion or prestige-class trees within the city, tree plantings and a rain garden demonstration.

Next up for honors and recognition were the communications specialists of the Greenbelt Police Department, who were

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forward-thinking, community."

"Greenbelt's citizens have always stepped forward to be actively involved in both preserving and transforming our community," noted Sylvia Lewis, GHI president. "We hope the open house will not only introduce them to the process but inspire them to be actively involved in it."

"Communities across the country are facing the same challenges that Greenbelt has," added Carl Elefante, AIA-PV chair on the Initiative's steering committee. "As in the past, Greenbelt can be the model for how broad-based planning can meet those challenges in a socially responsible way."

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is possibly the "broadest and most comprehensive organized by MUPJ."

History

MUPJ was created by residents of Greenbelt and co-founders Ron and Carol Solomons of Baltimore based on the foundations of the Greenbelt Peace Committee. The Peace Committee was not immediately accepted by their fellow Greenbelters, but Donn, Webb and many well-wishers kept the banners of hope and freedom flying through this difficult period.

According to Bert's wife Marjery Donn, the difficulties of those early years of what is now Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition persuaded its forerunner, the Greenbelt Peace Committee, to find ways of being accepted in Greenbelt's public spaces. At least one group succeeded in keeping the Greenbelt Peace Committee from joining in the city's flagship Labor Day parade. Undeterred, the Peace Committee rented space in front of the former school, now the Community Center, and joined the Greenbelt Labor Day festivities from that corner. Soon thereafter the Donns, the Solomons and Esther Webb (a member of the Society of Friends and a Greenbelt institution for peace in her own right) decided to go statewide with Maryland United for Peace and Justice (www.MUPJ.org).

Marj Donn remembers attending the first annual conference which was hosted by a local church almost a quarter century ago. The Greenbelt Peace Committee then became a county chapter of MUPJ. In the past several years the reincarnated Prince George's Coalition for Peace and Justice has marched with their banners, placards and smiles to loud and welcome applause in Greenbelt's Labor Day Parade.

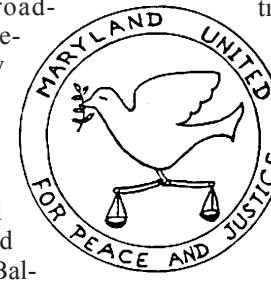
The MUPJ annual conferences allow Marylanders to meet face to face after coordinating their activities, mainly through phone, email and public communications all year long. Leslie Cagan, co-chair of United for Peace and Justice (NY) will give the keynote address this time. A wide array of workshops offers something for virtually everyone.

Donn Honored

Bert Donn, a retired scientist who had worked at NASA, has lived in Greenbelt with his wife since 1962. The Donns have contributed for decades through systematic, determined and creative participation in peace, justice, environmental and artistic endeavors.

Donn has been intimately connected with the history, growth and successes of the Greenbelt Peace Committee, Machar (the Jewish Humanistic Society of Washington) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This year Bert Donn has also been honored by the county chapter of SCLC.

In recognition of many years of commitment to the Prince George's County chapter of SCLC, Donn was awarded a "Member Dedication and Longevity Award" on January 14. Previously, in 2003, the SCLC of Prince George's County had also awarded Donn its Presiden-



tial Award. Both plaques adorn the Donn home in Greenbelt and he took them down for our interview.

"I feel happy because [my] efforts are being appreciated," said Donn in an interview on Saturday, April 14. During that week alone he had submitted a "Non-violence Report" to the county's SCLC via its president MacArthur Bishop on Tuesday. On Wednesday he was with a delegation in an important Congressman's office, reminding that elected official to carry the voters' message to the President.

Marj Donn, who is well known in the Greenbelt Writers Group and other artistic circles, also volunteered as a judge of the poetry contest among the three categories in which Maryland high schools participate each year. Other Greenbelt residents, Jim Link and Marjorie Gray, also volunteered their time as judges for the 2007 Fred Benjamin Peace Awards. Link will read the winner's essay at the conference during the Fred Benjamin Awards ceremony after the midday lunch.

New Directions

At the present time, the Donns, Esther Webb and Greenbelters past and present, Tony Langbehn and Nancy Boardman, are contemplating 2008 and the next decades for MUPJ. The Baltimore co-founders (Ron and Carol Solomons) are leaving the state of Maryland and new partners will shape the future of this history-laden community organization.

The annual essay, poetry and art contest for high-schoolers will continue to be funded through a family bequest of another Greenbelt resident, Ron Benjamin. Winners receive a check for \$250 each and runners-up receive smaller checks of \$25 each, for a total of \$1,000 in prizes this year. The annual conference itself and its newsletter, annual workshop preparations and conference keynote speaker, is not as secure as the Peace Contest. More than funding, the group needs "participation and pushing urgent environmental priorities" said the Donns. Bert Donn believes that on the local level, the peace and justice groups need to visit our representatives often and have them "listen to the voters."

Donn emphasized that more people and groups, including churches, must step in to shape the future of these local peace groups.

"The Fred Benjamin Peace Awards are a good way to publicize issues and get young people to think about them," Donn said. His wife added, "We wish many people would come to the conference on April 28 at Paint Branch Unitarian Church." She noted it was a good way to find out about the organization and "maybe find a way to help" create new or renewed energy and direction for Prince George's Coalition for Peace and Justice and its larger organ, Maryland United for Peace and Justice.

[Note: These state and local organizations are not affiliated with the New York-based United for Peace and Justice, despite similarities in names and, on occasion, common demonstrations in the nation's capital.]



The National Association of Black Accountants on Hanover Parkway has hired Charlisa R. Watson as chief administration officer, Rose Harper-Elder as director of development and corporate relations and Cheryl Galloway-Fenner as director of membership. These women have a background of working in various national organizations and are slated to help NABA advance in membership and growth.

Zohar Gitlis, a first-year student at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., and the daughter of Mark and Jessica Gitlis, performed in Earlham's spring orchestra concert on April 7 as it presented Gustav Mahler's "Songs of a Wayfarer" and Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring." Gitlis also participated in the Jubilee Project in Sneedville, Tenn., April 11-15.

Jerry Dancis, Laurel Hill Road, recently enjoyed a visit with his grandson, Tomek, daughter Naomi and son-in-law, Roby Peckerar in Berkeley, Calif. The same week, he was sworn in as an official of the State of California (by the State Board of Education) until August. Jerry is a member of a Content Review Panel for Math textbooks that will help students in grades 4 through 7 who are a year behind in math to catch up. (He will do this here in Greenbelt.)

Congratulations to ERHS students Sara Witter; Tamika Jackson; Kendra Harriston; Michaela Haber; Cierra Crosson; Bria Alston; the teams of Jasmyne Adams, Rachel Bailey and Nadir Ameir; and Hilary Finedore, Maire Patterson and Leslie Primack, whose history entries were accepted for competition at the Maryland History Day Contest to be held April 28 in Catonsville at the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus. Sixteen Prince George's County students were selected from among 11,000 entries statewide competing on the theme of "Triumph and Tragedy." April 28 winners will advance to compete for top prizes in June at UM College Park.



Arthritis Fun Walk (1-3mi.)
Sat., May 5 9am-12n
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
 No reg. fee - No required distance
 Register on-line at www.arthritis.org or call (301) 335-7689 or e-mail us at PGArthritisComm@aol.com

Dining Out to Fight Arthritis
 at Sir Walter Raleigh's
 Berwyn Hts. / College Park
 (301) 474-3420
Monday, April 23rd
Monday, May 14th
 11:30am - 9:00pm



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

April 23, 2007 - 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting/Public Hearing FY 2008 Budget

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Recognition of Groups Participating in Watershed

Public Hearing on the FY 2008 Budget

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Greenbelt and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, No. 32 (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- * LGIT – Board of Trustees Election
- * Reappointment to Advisory Group
- * Appointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Meetings for April 23-27

Monday, April 23, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting & 1st Public Hearing on the FY08 Budget at Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, April 25, 7:30pm, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting at Community Center, Room 111.

Wednesday, April 25, 8:00pm, City Council Budget Work Session with Public Safety at Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltdmd.gov.

For City Information visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov!

City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Phone: 301-397-2200

CELEBRATION OF SPRING

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
2:00PM-6:00PM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

FREE!!

MAKE AND TAKE ART PROJECTS:

Make a "Zanza" to keep! This simple "thumb piano" is inspired by a family of African instruments. Guest artist *Ikeme* will lead free hands-on workshops at 2:45 and 4:15pm.

Face Painting, Henna Tattoos, KID ID Cards, Food & Drinks, And Much More!

In case of inclement weather, please call the Weather Hotline @ 301-474-5525.

HIP HOP DANCE CLINIC

MOONBOUNCES & OBSTACLE COURSES!

Yoga Demonstrations & Mini-Lessons

Experience the fun, funky side of yoga!!! Greenbelt Om will be giving demos and mini-lessons.

Musical Entertainment by
OASIS ISLAND SOUNDS



VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Adult Pick-Up Soccer

Small-goal play for fun and exercise at Northway #2 field in Old Greenbelt. Sunday morning (9:30am - noon) and Thursday evening (6:30pm - dusk). Contact Andrew Phelan, Rec. Dept. 240-542-2194, or Joan Falcao, jmfalcao@verizon.net, for more information or just show up with your cleats.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN SPRINGHILL LAKE FIRES

A few weeks ago, the Springhill Lake Community experienced electrical fires due to a wiring problem that has since been corrected. Unfortunately, there have been several additional small fires recently that have been suspicious. Investigators of the Prince George's County Fire Department have determined that these fires are unrelated to the original electrical fires.

The City of Greenbelt, the Prince George's County Fire Department, the Springhill Lake Management and the entire Greenbelt community are concerned that someone is threatening the safety of Greenbelt residents. Springhill Lake management has added extra security patrols and is working with local authorities to track and prosecute those involved. The city is asking the community to band together and help identify anyone who could be involved in these suspicious fires.

If you have any information at all, no matter how minor you may feel it may be, please contact the

Prince George's County Fire Department Arson Hotline at 301-772-7766.

Information can be shared anonymously. Please help us keep you, your family and your community safe.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 28th from 9am-12pm
Public Works Yard - 555 Crescent Road
Info: 301-474-8004

Greenbelt Recreation Department BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 27th from 1pm-6pm
Greenbelt Community Center - 15 Crescent Road
Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to make your life saving appointment.

Earth Day and Public Works Open House



SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

Earth Day Event: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
GREENBELT SKATE PARK

(By Greenbelt Youth Center)

Celebrate Earth Day with the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and help plant a rain garden.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Volunteer community service hours will be given.



ARBOR DAY: After the Earth Day celebration, join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees with the Arbor Day Tree Planting at 12:00 p.m., at the same location.

TREE TOUR: Enjoy a tree tour of large and unusual trees throughout the City. The tour will leave the Youth Center at 12:15pm – and will also pick up at the Public Works Open House.



PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE: Don't forget to stop by the Public Works Department Open House from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and enjoy demonstrations, tours, CNG vehicle displays and light refreshments. For more information call 301-474-8004

Greenbelters Love and Care for Their Pets



Animal oxygen masks were presented to representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad and nine neighboring fire departments that serve the Greenbelt community on Friday, April 13. In attendance were senior fire department officials, members of the city council and representatives from GHI.

The ongoing effort is a project of the GHI Companion Animal Committee.



Above, each department received a set of three masks in sizes small, medium and large that can be used on a variety of animals.

Tax deductible donations paid for the purchase of the masks to be used in rescuing pets safety from smoke-filled fire scenes. A full set costs \$55.

Contributions may still be sent to H.E.L.P. Animals, Inc., GHI, Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770 in care of Joan Krob.



City Notes

Animal Control reported two dogs running at large were captured; one dog was returned to its owner; and one iguana was adopted this week.

The Planning Department evaluated concerns relating to traffic circulation within the Community Center parking lot and requested a meeting with Public Works to address this issue.

Public Works had 22 Public Works employees who were recognized with Dependability Awards.

The parks crew removed the 6x6 border, swing set, spring animal and teeter totter from the play-

ground near 1 Court of Southway. A new swing set was installed and the other equipment was taken to the warehouse and sanded in preparation for painting.

The facilities maintenance crew began renovation of the restrooms at Schrom Hills Park; plumbing fixtures, partitions, soap and paper dispensers and light fixtures were removed. Supplies were purchased for the drywall contractor and a portable restroom was placed for use by park visitors. Crew researched the layout and wiring plans for the new security cameras at Roosevelt Center.

Free Kids Kaboose Thursday, Apr. 26

There will be a free morning of railroad fun at the Bowie Train Station and Children's Heritage Center in Old Bowie on Thursday, April 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Youngsters will enjoy train stories, a visit to the railroad museum and a chance to participate in hands on activities at the new Children's Heritage Center.

The museum is located at 8606 Chestnut Avenue in Old Bowie. Reservations are not required. For further information call 301-575-2488 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Explore the array of wildlife around you
Celebrate Earth Day on April 21

Companion Animal Comm. Receives Award from COG

by Sabine Henrich

Who said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"? If you guessed Mahatma Ghandi, you would be correct. Who regulates and educates about the humane treatment of companion animals residing in GHI? If you guessed the GHI Companion Animal Committee (CAC), you would, again, be correct.

Since 1999, when they were called the "Pets Subcommittee," the all-volunteer GHI CAC has been looking out for the cooperative's animals. Most importantly, they offer free education and support (i.e., "How can I keep my dog from barking all day?" "How do I get my cat to use the litter box?") to companion animal guardians residing in GHI, thus helping them care for their furry, fuzzy, scaly or feathered best friend humanely and appropriately.

The late Joyce Abell was instrumental in starting this innovative, progressive, cutting-edge program within GHI. Further, she is credited for changing its name (particularly the historically loaded word "pet") broadening the scope of its involvement as a full GHI committee. Kris White serves as the current chair and Anja Bull, Debbie Cooley, Amethyst Dwyer, Midge Cruz, Cam MacQueen, Diane McFadden and Kiki Theorodopoulos are members.

Committee Achievements

A few of the committee's achievements include making hunting and butchering animals illegal in GHI; distributing oxygen masks for dogs and cats to local fire departments; organizing the annual educational Pet Expo (which promotes adoption and teaches animal guardians about animal care and behavior) having an educational booth at the Labor Day Festival and running a grief support group for people who have lost a beloved companion.

Further, CAC has helped educate the public about some common misconceptions on companion dogs. For example, a myth exists that large dogs should not live in small houses. However, size may or may not matter.

For instance, just because Great Danes are huge dogs does not mean they are unsuited to live in a GHI unit. (As a professional certified pet dog trainer who

knows her breeds, this reporter actually would much prefer to live next to a 150 lb. Great Dane than next to a 15 lb. Parson Russell Terrier.)

Social Animals

Most importantly, CAC has focused on the fact that dogs are highly social animals who quickly deteriorate behaviorally if they are forced to live out their lives as yard ornaments or

alarm systems. With the help of CAC, GHI was one of the first communities to make it illegal to tether and maintain dogs in the yard, thus revolutionizing the way we treat our four-legged best friends.

Members who neither keep a companion animal nor care much about them, may ask themselves if this committee is a giant waste of time and energy. Think again; these rules and regulations do affect the entire community. According to statistics from the Humane Society of the United States (<http://www.hsus.org>) dogs who live in the backyard are more likely to injure or even kill other animals and people (particularly children) than dogs who live in the house as part of the family.

Dogs who live in the backyard are prone to behavioral problems like incessant barking, fence jumping or digging under the fence and, most importantly, aggression. These types of behaviors make it difficult for the rest of the community to enjoy an otherwise quiet and peaceful neighborhood where the majority of people treat their companion animals as part of the family.

For their achievements, including getting every GHI dog out of the backyard and into members' homes, CAC was recognized this year for its services to the community. COG animal services awards honored CAC with the 2006 Community Partnership Award (seven organizations nominated in this category). Former GHI president Julia Eichhorst, along with Kris White and Midge Cruz, received the award on March 2 in Washington, D.C.

Although they are rightfully proud of their achievement, CAC members are always thinking about the future. Currently they are working on implementing the "Red Scarf program," which encourages guardians of timid and unpredictable dogs to outfit their pooches with a red scarf so other people know not to approach or pet these dogs.

CAC is also educating the community on disaster preparedness (including having an evacuation plan for companion animals) in the light of Hurricane Katrina. (Many people there, particularly the elderly, died alongside their animals as they refused to evacuate without them).

CAC will have a booth at this year's Greenbelt Pet Expo on May 12 in the Greenbelt Community Center when visitors may ask questions about animal care. Members will be happy to answer questions on appropriate interactions between children and animals, bite prevention, management and enrichment, the approximate cost of animal ownership and more.



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Fancy Crisp Pears Assorted	99¢ lb.	Golden Ripe Extra Sweet Pineapples Each	\$3.99

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Fresh Value Pack Boneless & Skinless Chicken Breasts	\$1.97 lb.	Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef	\$1.77 lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops	\$2.49 lb.	Fresh Value Pack Chicken Legs/Thighs Drumsticks	88¢ lb.
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roasts	\$2.99 lb.	Fresh Lean Pork Boneless Value Pack Country Style Spare Ribs	\$2.99 lb.	Shurfine Country Rope Sausage	\$1.99 lb.	Hatfield Meat Franks 1lb.	\$1.50

Dairy

Shurfine Orange Juice From Concentrate 64 oz.	\$2.00	Kraft Natural Chunk Cheese Assorted 8 oz.	3/\$5.00	Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast	\$2.99 lb.	Healthy Choice Complete Selections Assorted 10-12 oz.	\$2.50	Shurfine Classic Ice Cream Assorted 1/2 gallon	3/\$5.00
Imperial Vegetable Spread Quarters 1 lb.	3/\$2.00	Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.	3/\$5.00	Kunzler Virginia Baked Ham	\$5.99 lb.	Lender's Original Bagels Assorted 5-6 oz.	\$1.00	Shurfine Frozen Vegetables Selected Varieties 1 lb.	80¢

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Finlandia Imported Swiss Cheese				Finlandia Imported Swiss Cheese	\$6.99 lb.	Jane's Original Crazy Mixed-Up-Salt 4 oz.	99¢	Fresh Store Baked 100% Whole Grain Bread loaf	\$1.99

Seafood

Colgate Toothpaste Assorted 6 oz.	\$2.00	Fresh Catfish Fillets	\$4.99 lb.	Customer Appreciation Discount Day		Welch's Sparkling Grape Juice Cocktail 750 ml.	\$2.99	Fresh Store Baked 100% Whole Grain Bread loaf	\$1.99
Western Family Shampoo Plus Conditioner 13.5 oz.	\$1.99	Wholey Frozen Flounder Fillets 32 oz.	\$5.99	Wednesday, April 25	5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)	Jane's Original Crazy Mixed-Up-Salt 4 oz.	99¢	Fresh Store Baked 8-Inch Apple Pie Each	\$2.99

Grocery Bargains

Classico Pasta Sauce Assorted 16-26 oz.	\$2.00	Shurfine Pasta Spaghetti/Elbow Mac. 16 oz.	75¢	Rice-A-Roni or Pasta Roni Assorted 4-7 oz.	\$1.00	Shurfine Apple Juice 64 oz.	\$1.25	Wishbone Salad Dressings 7-16 oz.	3/\$5.00
Shurfine Peanut Butter Assorted 18 oz.	\$1.00	Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent Value Size 300 oz.	\$14.99	Shurfine Canned Soda 12 pk. - 12 oz. cans	\$2.22	Quaker Life Cereal 16-21 oz.	\$2.50	Shurfine Canned Beans Pork & Beans/Kidney/Chili 15 oz.	40¢

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Lite Beer
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Police Blotter

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Robberies

April 12, 8:47 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court. Arson. Unknown person(s) set fire to a basement storage room.

April 7, 4:41 p.m. 7600 block Hanover Parkway. Strong arm robbery. The victim advised that he had entered a vehicle after leaving a party when as many as six persons approached the vehicle on foot. One opened the front passenger door and assaulted the passenger, another demanded money from the occupants. After obtaining money the assailants fled the scene.

April 5, 12:07 p.m., 20 Southway. Counterfeit money. A man paid for the gas he had pumped at the Citgo Service Station with what turned out to be a counterfeit \$100 bill, received change and left the area. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10", 180 to 220 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, wearing a blue shirt.

Burglaries

April 3, 8 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. Attempted burglary. A resident reported that he heard someone attempting to kick in his front door. The victim yelled at the suspect, who fled on foot. Entry was not gained. The suspect is described as a black male, 6' with a thin build, wearing a black ski mask and dark clothing.

Burglaries/attempted burglaries were reported in the following areas: In the unit block of Greendale Place a storage shed door was forced open and a blue and silver mountain bike was taken.

In two incidents in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) entered the residences by forcing open the front doors. Nothing appears to have been taken in either incident.

In the 6600 block of Springcrest Drive, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by forcing open a privacy fence, then opening a basement window, which set off an alarm. Entry was not gained.

Vandalism

April 10, 11:26 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Unknown person(s) threw a brick through the bedroom window of a residence, shattering it.

Drugs

April 11, 9:10 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a

High Winds Disrupt Service in Center

by Judy Bell

Greenbelt, along with many other communities, experienced a spring nor'easter, with 2-1/2 inches of rain on Sunday, April 15 and winds up to 50-60 miles an hour Monday, April 16 resulting in power outages, downed trees and the closing of Crescent Road.

Electric power was disrupted in the Center area and the south end of old Greenbelt for approximately three hours in the morning. A telephone call to Pepco resulted in a recorded message stating that the wait for an operator would be one hour and 45 minutes.

A tree fell on power lines near the firehouse, with electricity going through the tree and splitting the base, which then caught on fire, causing Crescent Road to be closed for 4-1/2 hours, according to Public Works' Brian Townsend. At least three large trees, including a white pine on Gardenway near the playground, blew over causing substantial damage, according to Matt Berres at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). No landmark trees were impacted and there was no major damage to property.

A tree fell across the sidewalk leading up to the overpass after the B-W Parkway. There were a number of smaller trees, mostly maples, that were either damaged or destroyed. Berres advises that if members notice tree limbs hanging or touching the house to let GHI know. "Be careful about not building up mulch around trees; keep it at a two or three inch level," he added. Too much mulch on top of the root scan cause trees to rot at the base, he said.

Hydrangeas Blossom At Garden Club Talk

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11204 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker this month will be Carole Bordelon, who will discuss "Hydrangeas and their Relatives." Bordelon will discuss the various species of hydrangeas, highlighting the cultivars of the more popular species as well as share some information on plants related to hydrangeas.

Bordelon is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a BS in agriculture, with an emphasis on botany and entomology. She has worked at the U.S. National Arboretum since 1990 and is currently serving as a member of the Classical Chinese Garden Design team.

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the club website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Info Needed on Set Fires

Investigators with Prince George's County Fire Department are looking into a series of recent suspicious fires in the Springhill Lake community. These fires appear unrelated to the building fires that occurred the week of March 26 and were electrical in nature. Anyone with tips or information is encouraged to contact investigators at 301-772-7766. Tips can be left anonymously at this number.



Above, firemen remove a ladder after putting out a basement fire in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court in Springhill Lake on April 12. Unknown person(s) had set fire in a basement storage room.

At left, a fireman carries hose back to a truck following the April 12 Springhill Lake fire.

— photos by Bill Cornett

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 26, 2007

GHI BOARD ROOM

7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Presentation by AIA, Lloyd Unsell, Jr.
- Proposed Interior Fence, 1H Southway
- Proposed 6' High Gardenside Fence, 43F Ridge
- Proposed Rules Change §X.C.11 - Protection/Reparation of Damage to Common Areas
- Proposed Rules Change §IX.F - Temporary Structures
- Audit Presentation
- Board Self Evaluation
- Statement of Directors' Agreement to Code of Ethics

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Johnson of School Board Meets with ACE

by Mary Moien

Rosalind Johnson, member of the Prince George's County School Board met with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) at its March 27 meeting. Johnson began her remarks with a wide ranging list of updates from the county and Board of Education. She showed ACE the new school identification badges with a bar code. It will allow the schools to better track attendance and even be used to check out books from the library. She informs them that the board is working with the Brode Foundation and four other school districts to help them in the professional aspects of their positions in both process and content.

Johnson described a new High School Consortium under the direction of Dr. Cris Williams that will be working on issues such as school safety, daily learning and improving the daily visibility of school administrators around the school.

She is very interested in the "Small Schools Initiative." This program would help place smaller schools within communities, offering a different high school environment. Although each school would have a special focus, they would be community schools, not magnet schools. They could house 300 or 600 or up to 900 students. It is not clear at this time how Greenbelt would be affected by this initiative. Johnson indicated that she is offering a May Forum on school issues at Northwestern High School geared to Spanish-speaking students.

AIMCO Meeting

AIMCO (owners of Springhill Lake Apartments) was another topic she touched on. Johnson reported that a meeting is planned in April to further discuss the AIMCO offer of \$20 million toward new schools in Greenbelt West. This figure is far less than the \$128 million that has been estimated to provide a new school for the many children who are expected to reside in the Greenbelt West area after the completion of several new projects. She pointed out that the development in Greenbelt West is being declared as "Transit-oriented Housing" which allows it to have lower impact and surcharge fees. This meeting is slated to be a "closed session." One confusing point was a discussion about the School Task Force. Johnson concurred that the County Council is not interested in a county wide task force but that the Board of Education believes there is currently a viable Greenbelt area School Task Force in place and operating.

ACE members assured her that this was not the case and that they were awaiting information with the plan of having ACE/City Council representation on a Task Force proposed. She promised to go back and speak to the board about this and also with County Councilmember Tom Dernoga's office and inform ACE of any progress in this area.

Student Awards

The annual ACE student awards ceremony will take place on Monday, May 14 at the council meeting. ACE has sent out requests for nominations to all

the Greenbelt schools. Two students are nominated from each school. As in the past, each student award winner will receive a tee shirt, certificates, book gift certificates for the elementary and middle school students and \$750 scholarship awards for the two Eleanor Roosevelt High School winners.

Kindergarten Early Registration Open

The Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) system is currently offering early registration opportunities at all elementary schools for kindergarten students for the 2007-2008 school year. While new students may be registered anytime, the school system is encouraging families to make a special effort to register now through April 27.

Maryland law mandates that children registering for kindergarten for the next school year must be five years old by September 1, 2007. Only parents or court-appointed guardians may register a student. At the time of registration, parents or guardians must provide proof of residency and birth verification for each student. The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene also requires that students complete a series of immunizations, a physical examination and lead screening prior to attending school.

Early pre-kindergarten opportunities are also available at schools offering this program.

For details contact the local school or visit www.pgcps.org.

Kindergarteners Excel in Math, Reading

More children are entering kindergarten ready to learn in Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), according to a new state report. In fact, the number of children entering kindergarten fully prepared for learning increased by eight percent over last school year and jumped 23 percentage points since the baseline year of 2001-2002. These figures are provided by "Children Entering School Ready to Learn: School Readiness Information for School Year 2006-2007," a report released by the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood Development.

"Clearly, children who experience positive learning experiences at a very young age are more successful in school," said Superintendent of Schools John Deasy. "This is the foundation that continues to drive progress in Prince George's County Public Schools."

African American kindergartners demonstrated a seven percentage point growth from 54 to 61 percent of students ready for

school, which matches the scores of African American students in Maryland as a whole.

Overall, PGCPS kindergartners demonstrated an eight-percent improvement in mathematical thinking skills and scored a four percent jump in language and literacy.

Children who attended PGCPS pre-kindergarten programs before entering school showed a six-point improvement in school readiness. To continue that progress, the Prince George's County Board of Education approved funding for 88 additional pre-kindergarten classes for next school year in its Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget.

"Prince George's County public school children are making progress and the Board of Education is investing in their futures by funding programs that accelerate learning," said Board Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr. "When exposed to quality educational experiences at a young age, all children can learn and be successful in school."

Board of Education Holds Open Meeting

The Board of Education meeting on April 26 at 7:05 p.m. will be open to the public. Public participation is encouraged. Interested persons may speak for two minutes by registering with the board office by 4 p.m. that day by calling 301-952-6308. The board meets in the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

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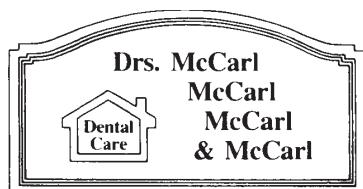
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Contest Open to Local High School Artists

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) encourages high school art students who reside in Maryland's 5th Congressional District including Greenbelt to participate in the 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition for a chance to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

"This competition provides our young people with a valuable opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity on a national stage," said Hoyer. "I strongly encourage high school students in the 5th Congressional District to participate in this rewarding competition, which recognizes gifted young artists all across the country."

Through the annual Congressional Arts Competition, Members of Congress showcase the artistic talent of high school students within their districts. Hoyer sent letters to all of the high schools throughout Maryland's 5th District announcing the Congressional Arts Competition and outlining the rules for artwork submission.

To be considered for the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, all artwork must be delivered to his district office in Greenbelt by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 4. The Greenbelt address is: U.S. District Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Students interested in participating can also call Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office at 301-843-1577 with any questions.

After entries have been submitted by the required date, a panel comprised of members of the 5th District arts community, including art teachers and professional artists, will review the artwork and select one piece to represent the 5th District in the U.S. Capitol, where it will hang for one year. All other entries will be displayed in Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office. The judging is scheduled to take place during the week of May 7.

Once a winner is selected, he or she will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June of this year.

Students Excel at ERHS

by Mary Moien

Individual students as well as several school groups at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) have recently been honored for their accomplishments. The Chamber Orchestra received a Silver Medal at the Chicago Heritage Music Festival. At the same festival, the Chamber Choir won the Gold Medal for best Chamber Choir, the first place Adjudicators' award for the Best Choir at the festival and one of the choir members, Joel Sparks, won the Maestro Award for the best vocal soloist at the festival.

ERHS 10th grader Holden Lee is a prize-winning mathematician. The American Mathematical Society sponsored a math contest called "Who Wants To Be A Mathematician" for high school students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Students had to qualify based on an entrance exam. Holden was the winner

of the entire contest, taking home the grand prize of \$2,000. His current math teacher, Andrea Brown, attended the competition with Holden.

The Air Force ROTC Cadets unit marched in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, D.C. This was their second year of participation in this event which included approximately 100 units in the parade down Constitution Avenue.

One of the ERHS ROTC Cadets, Baron Mason, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout - the Boy Scout's highest honor. Only two percent of all Boy Scouts achieve this prestigious rank during their time in scouting.

The Girls' Basketball team recently won the State Championship. They were later honored at the State Capitol in Annapolis by State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegate Justin Ross.

Service Academy Forum Monday

Congressman Steny Hoyer will host the 26th Annual U.S. Academy and Military Career Forum at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro on Monday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A brief program will begin at 7 p.m. with remarks from Commander Michael DeRosa, assistant director of Admissions and Financial Aid for the Merchant Marine Academy, and Congressman Hoyer.

Every year Congressman Hoyer nominates candidates from the 5th Congressional District for admission to all four United States service academies: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. (Army); the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Col.; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

This forum provides students an opportunity to learn more about careers in the military and will feature representatives of the U.S. Service Academies, local university ROTC programs and military service recruiters.

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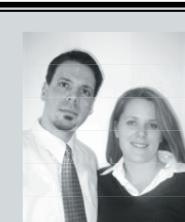
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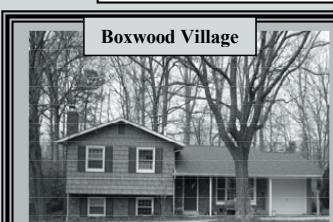
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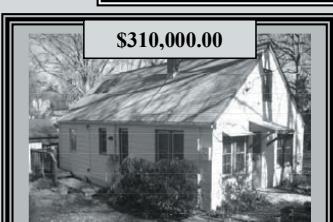
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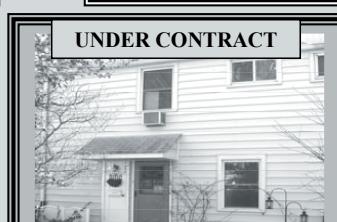
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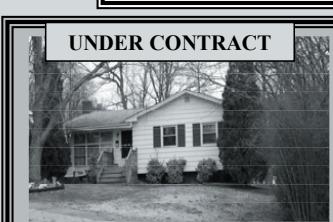
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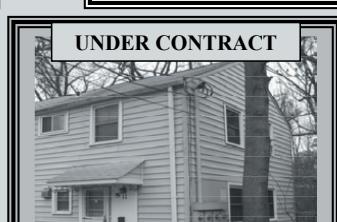
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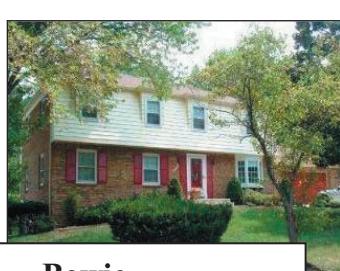
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Passageway Artists Hold Open House

The artists of Passageways Studios announce their annual spring open studios on Sunday afternoon, April 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue in the East Pines Center in Riverdale. Passageways is a working artists' cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties. Artwork, including printmaking, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media, will be exhibited with most work for sale. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios.

Chamber Music Concert Monday

Two recitals featuring University of Maryland music student string, wood wind, brass and piano ensembles will take place on Monday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Center.

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Greenbelters Join 2007 Backyard Bird Count

by Don Comis

Greenbelt and the U.S. and Canada all shared in the 2007 Great Backyard Bird Count's (GBBC) historic record: 81,193 checklists documenting more than 11 million birds of 616 species. The previous record was 60,616 checklists in 2006.

Greenbelters set their own record for the 10th anniversary of the backyard bird count that relies on individuals to count birds in their yards or neighborhoods for at least 15 minutes on at least one of four days. This year it was February 16-19. Greenbelters submitted nine checklists with a previous high of five. They counted 1,060 birds belonging to 42 species.

The publicity in the News Review helped bring about Greenbelt's share in this year's record participation. Participants remain anonymous in the website records but I know that Peter Blank was one of the participants and he was reminded by the News Review article.

I of course participated and was another first-timer. I've written articles in the News Review to get more beginners like myself involved in birding and bird counts, having been convinced of the need for them while participating in bird counts at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). This year's backyard count proved that even knowing a few birds can be helpful on a count. Take the robin that we often take for granted. How many can't identify a robin?

That is one of 32 species I can now identify and was among the dozen that I started out knowing before trying to get serious about birding in recent months.

And that knowledge helped me put Greenbelt's large robin flock – large for Greenbelt anyway – on the map. During the 2007 GBBC, the American Robin ranked as the most numerous species for the first time ever. Participants counted more than 2 million robins. The previous record for robins was 337,973.

Robins

The flock of 53 robins I con-



PHOTOS BY MARK CHRISTAL

At 2 million plus, the American Robin was the unlikely star of the 2007 Great Backyard Bird Count in the U.S. and Canada. Greenbelters counted a flock of 53 robins among 983 birds belonging to 41 species.

tributed to the robin record pales compared to the nearly 1.7 million robins reported in a mangrove forest in St. Petersburg, Fla., but still it helped complete one small part of the robin migration puzzle. John Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, N.Y., said: "Literally, there has never been a more detailed snapshot of a continental bird-distribution profile in history . . . Imagine ornithologists and ecologists 250 years from now comparing these data with their own! It used to take scientists years to gather large-scale information about bird population and distribution – and GBBC does it in just four days each year, thanks to . . . birders reporting their counts online."

National Audubon Society president John Flicker added: "This record breaking turnout is proof of a powerful formula – birds plus fun equals a lifelong connection to nature. It turns kids, parents and grandparents into more than citizen scientists; it helps make them citizen stewards for the health of our planet." The GBBC is a joint project of Cornell and the National Audubon Society.

Every pair of eyes is helpful, because you just might be in the right place at the right time and be the only one to see and record

birds like that large robin flock that came to the Roosevelt Center area just as I got there. They were perched on trees everywhere, but conveniently for me with my amateur counting skills, they kept lining up along the edge of one wall of the Greenbelt pool-gym complex. This made it easier for me to count them. Again, we know that flock had to be bigger than 53 but bird counters are usually taught to be conservative.

Another Greenbelt resident had earlier reported seeing a flock of about 40 or 50 robins in her yard, so I suspect it was this flock I was lucky enough to be the only one to both see and record during those four days last February.

Even the humblest of birds that we take for granted because they are so easy to identify, robins, can add joy to life, beyond the scientific and personal satisfaction of counting as many birds as possible.

Help the environment and yourself and volunteer for the International Migratory Bird Day count at BARC on May 12. Send an email to Fred Fallon at fwallon@earthlink.net, Ed Clark at Clarke@ars.usda.gov or me at DonaldComis@msn.com.

Remember you can always help experienced birders spot the robins they might otherwise miss!



Flocks of the human kind were also out in large numbers to observe local birds. Michel Cavigelli (center, pointing) leads a recent bird walk at BARC for the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group. The walk had a record attendance of 16 people – and one charming neighborhood calico cat who joined the walkers (not in photo).

Explore the array of wildlife around you
Celebrate Earth Day
on April 21

View Osprey Nest on Home Computer

Use a computer and take a peek at the nest of an osprey at Patuxent River Park, 16700 Croom Airport Road in Upper Marlboro. The camera is in place atop an osprey nest in the middle of the scenic Patuxent River and the picture is updated every 30 seconds. An osprey is a migratory bird that comes back to this area to nest to begin a family.

To see the nest type <http://www.pgparks.com/places/parks/patuxent.html#osprey> in the computer URL address bar.

The Patuxent River Park offers many nature-related amenities including woodland hiking and riding trails, public boat ramps, fishing areas, canoe and kayak rentals, primitive camping area and the Patuxent Rural Life Museums.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE: The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, April 23, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2007-2008

REVENUES

Taxes	18,700,700
Licenses & Permits	982,100
Revenue from Other Agencies	878,700
Service Charges for Current Services	1,920,300
Fines & Forfeitures	537,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	497,700

TOTAL REVENUES	\$23,516,500

Appropriation of Fund Balance	0

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$2,102,700
Planning and Community Development	1,043,000
Public Safety	9,864,700
Public Works	2,854,900
Social Services	582,600
Recreation and Parks	4,669,100
Miscellaneous	177,800
Non-Departmental	695,000
Fund Transfers	1,526,700

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$23,516,500

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$159,000
Cemetery Fund 0	
Debt Service Fund	921,400
Replacement Fund	361,000
Special Projects Fund	
183,000	
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$1,624,400

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,537,100
2001 Bond Fund 2,975,920	
Community Development Block Grant Fund	
100,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$4,613,020

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$1,204,800

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000. Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Channel 71.